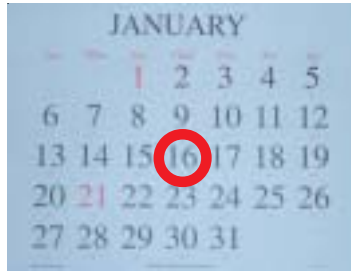


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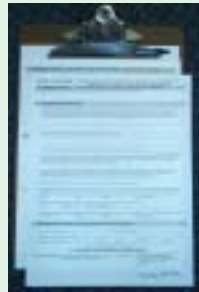
Days to hours before surgery



✓ Step 1: Consent Form

The consent form must include:

- patient's full name
- procedure site
- name of procedure
- reason for procedure



✓ Step 2: Mark Site

The operative site must be marked by a physician or other privileged provider who is a member of the operating team



☞ **Do NOT mark non-operative sites**



Just before entering OR



✓ Step 3: Patient Identification

OR staff shall ask the patient to state (NOT confirm):

- their full name
- full SSN or date of birth
- site for the procedure



☞ Check responses against the marked site, ID band, consent form and other documents

Immediately prior to surgery



✓ Step 4: "Time Out"

Within the OR when the patient is present and prior to beginning procedure, OR staff must verbally confirm through a "time out":

- presence of the correct patient
- marking of the correct site
- procedure to be performed
- availability of the correct implant



✓ Step 5: Imaging Data

If imaging data is used to confirm the surgical site, two or more members of the OR team must confirm the images are correct and properly labeled

